

REMARKS

The claims have been amended so that this application now claims a process for preparing epothilones by growing recombinant host cells. The claims are fully supported by the specification.

Entry of this amendment and allowance of the claims are requested.

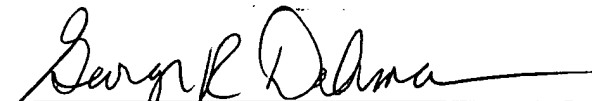
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